

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s):	Burford et al.		
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Title:	SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED FRICTION STIR WELDING (FSW) ASSEMBLY, CONTROLLER AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING A FRICTION STIR WELDING OPERATION		

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 21, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.